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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 2 and 6 September 1993, there appear to have been seven flights of fixed- or rotary-wing in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to the present note verbale. Additionally, there appears to have been one flight on 31 August 1993 not previously reported. Details as to the itinerary of this flight are attached as annex II.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 830.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(2-6 September 1993)

| SRL | DATE | START | END | REMARKS | HEADING SPEED ALT. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 845 | 2 Sept. | 20.05 | 20.13 | AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 72 km northeast of Split. NATO fighters were unable to investigate due to operational reasons. Radar contact was lost 40 km northeast of Split. The flight occured in an area controlled by Bosnian-Croats. | Southwest<br>Slow<br>Unknown |
| 846 | 3 Sept. | 16.28 | 16.51 | AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying a few kilometers east of Zenica. NATO fighters investigated and made visual contact with a light colored helicopter (possible MI-8/HIP). The helicopter landed at Zenica a few minutes later. The unauthorized flight occured in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. | West<br>Slow<br>Very low |
| 847 | 4 Sept. | 06.00 | 06.04 | UNMOs observed a GAZELLE helicopter flying over Borika (24 km northeast of Gorazde). They lost the visual contact of the aircraft over Rujista (32 km northeast of Gorazde). The unauthorized flight occured in an area controlled by Bosnian-Serbs. | Northeast<br>Slow<br>Low |
| 848 | 4 Sept. | 14.30 | 14.45 | AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying 55 km northeast of Zenica. NATO fighters investigated and made radar and visual contact with a white MI-8/HIP helicopter. The HIP ignored all warnings, flew on to Zenica and landed. The unauthorized flight occured in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. | Southeast<br>Very slow<br>Low |
| | | | | (5 August: no violations reported) | |
| 849 | 6 Sept. | 14.33 | 14.35 | UNMOs at Pale observed a green MI-8/HIP (registration #12203) with red cross markings landing at Pale. This flight began as an UNPROFOR approved MEDEVAC but it became a violation because it was not inspected prior to take off and the take off was not observed by UNMOs. It also did not land in Zvornik as required. The unauthorized flight occured in an area controlled by Bosnian-Serbs. | West<br>Slow<br>Low |
| 850 | 6 Sept. | 14.54 | 15.07 | AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 10 km south of Zenica. Fighters were unable to investigate due to operational reasons. The aircraft flew south for a few minutes then turned north. The radar contact was lost 10 km south of Zenica. The unauthorized flight occured in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. | Various<br>Slow<br>2000-6400 feet |
| 851 | 6 Sept. | 18.19 | 18.53 | AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 25 km northwest of Mostar. NATO fighters investigated, but no visual identification was possible. AWACS lost radar contact 30 km west of Zenica. The flight occured in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina | North<br>Slow<br>5400-10000 feet |

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Annex II

Additional information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(31 August 1993)

| SRL | DATE | START | END | REMARKS | HEADING SPEED ALT. |
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| 852 | 31 Aug. | 14.19 | 14.20 | UNMOs observed an MI-8/HIP flying 3 km west of Fojnica (24 km south of Zenica). The unauthorized flight of this helicopter occured in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. | Southwest<br>Slow<br>1000 feet |